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Homecoming events October 19-22

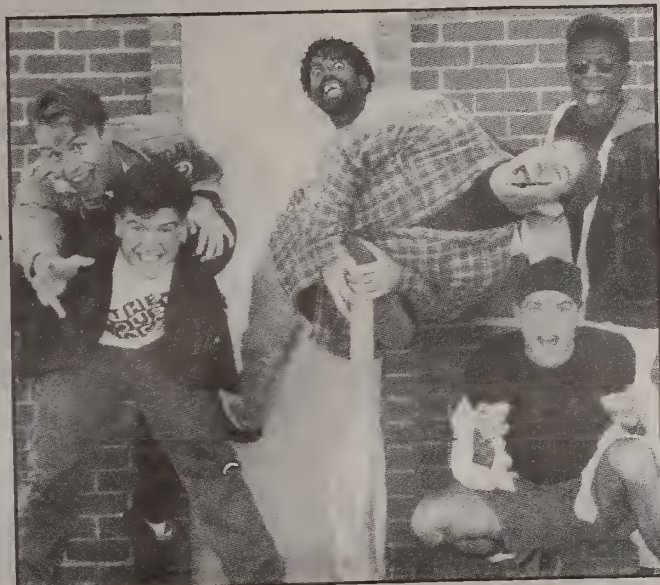
by Jessica Roy
Contributing writer

Homecoming 95' will take place from October 19 through October 22. The events have been planned by the Student Activities and Campus Center Office along with the Homecoming Committee.

On the 19th, a jazz band performs in the pub at 7:00pm and is sponsored by the Black Student Union. Friday, October 20th is the FSC Green and Gold day. Show your spirit, wear your school colors, and you could win a prize. The Pajama Jam in the pub starts at 9:00pm and ends at 1:00 am.

The traditional homecoming football game kicks-off at 12:00 noon, on Saturday the 21st against UMASS Dartmouth, and the day will come to a close with two guest performers, Mime Trent Arterberry and acapella group "The House of Jacks," at 9:00 pm in Weston Auditorium.

Kristie Kay Kirchner, the assistant director of student activities and the campus center, has played a major role in this year's



The House Jacks

homecoming. "This year will prove to be bigger and better than ever! There will be activities for everyone," says Kirchner on the schedule of events for homecoming.

In order to organize this big weekend Kirchner met with a committee made up of school club members. Kirchner feels that homecoming "instills pride

in the students."

To sign up for events or receive more information, contact or go to Kristie Kirchner, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Campus Center or Laura Bullen, Graduate Assistant at (508)665-3164.

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Trent Arterberry

Riccards offers FSC guarantee

FSC Press Release

Fitchburg State College President Michael P. Riccards has announced that the college will certify to employers that any of its graduates will be guaranteed to possess the up to date knowledge necessary to perform the college level position for which the graduate was hired.

The college will offer the guarantee for up to three years after the student graduates. The graduate can return to Fitchburg State to take whatever supplemental courses are necessary, free of charge to the graduate and the employer. The employer will be asked to address that request directly to the college registrar.

"The Fitchburg State College community," President Riccards noted, "is able to extend this assurance to employers because the college stands by the academic quality of its programs and the preparation of its gradu-

ates. We are very proud of those students and also confident that they are, indeed, competitive at the very highest levels of national and international competitiveness. In addition, we are very proud that our faculty members often seek the advice of practitioners when designing their programs and have established an extensive system of practica and internships that give students on the job experience before they graduate. A superb teaching faculty, they know their students and their students' commitment to mastering professional standards of excellence."

The guarantee has drawn attention to the college and its new president with coverage on Boston area news broadcasts and newspapers, including The Boston Globe.

For additional information about the guarantee, contact Michael Shanley, Office of Information Services.

Changes proposed to student loans

by Rick Rodricks
Staff writer

The federal government is proposing to save money by changing conditions on student loan programs.

The current plan proposed by congress to change student loan programs will have a serious effect upon all students here at

FSC. Subcommittees of the House and Senate are trying to trim \$10.85 billion dollars off of the government's student loan expenses. They plan to increase the lending fees, limit Direct Student Loans (DSL), and start paying interest right after graduation, foregoing the current six month grace period.

"That's crazy!" says Jayna

McGuirk, a junior who receives Stafford Loans. "We need those loans, we also need the time to find a decent job so we can pay back those loans."

Employees in the FSC Financial Aid Office agree that any change in federal aid to colleges would have a devastating effect on the student loan and financial aid programs. The effect on such a vital area of our college would be felt by every member of the community.

A proposed 0.85% fee increase presents the greatest concern to students. The Financial Aid Office will not be able to handle such an increase without additional money.

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Gelinas named as new trustee

FSC Press Release

Charles A. Gelinas Sr., a partner in the Fitchburg law firm of Gelinas & Ward, has been named to the Board of Trustees at Fitchburg State College.

He will serve a five year term on the 11-member board. The appointment was made by Governor William Weld.

In addition to his position with the law firm, Gelinas is president of Guaranty Tile and Abstract Co., Inc., and of WNTA, Inc., a real estate swap

facilitator.

His community activities include directorships at the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce, the Montachusett Society for Preservation of Historic Buildings, Inc., the Fitchburg Historical Society, and the Fairlawn/Hilltop Nursing Home.

He has also been active with the local United Way effort, the Boy Scouts, Julie Country Day School, and the Bishop's Fund Drive for Worcester County.

Gelinas is a member of a number of professional organiza-

tions, including the Massachusetts Bar Association, Worcester County Bar Association, Worcester Northern District Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Foundation, and the Massachusetts Association.

A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, Gelinas completed graduate English studies at Harvard, and received a master's of English from Assumption College. He earned his law degree from Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

Sigma Pi holds sleepout on the quad

by Anna Allen
News Editor

On Saturday, October 21, and Sunday, October 22, the Eta Tau Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity International will be holding its fourth annual "Sleepout for the Homeless" on the quad.

The event will begin at 6:00 pm on Saturday evening and continue until 6:00 am on Sunday morning. Each year the brothers of Sigma Pi "camp out" on the quad in a joint effort to raise funds for "Our Father's House," a homeless shelter in Fitchburg. This year the event will focus on the increasing plight of the homeless as the members of Sigma Pi carry out their efforts to raise money for a world-wide problem.

"We can't solve the problem of the homeless by ourselves,

but we're trying to make a difference one night at a time," says Jeremy Boylan, a brother of the Sigma Pi Fraternity.

The event is open to the public until midnight on Saturday at which point the brothers will settle down for a night that will hopefully make a difference. The event will feature a keynote speaker who will address the homeless issue.

In past years, this event has drawn local attention, but this year the brothers of Sigma Pi have received attention on the national level. A letter from President Clinton was received just a short while ago, blessing the brothers for their continuous efforts.

Anna Allen is a Junior, Communications/Technical Writing major.



Joe Mahoney sleeping on the quad.

Flu shot offered to FSC

by Anmari Kicza
Contributing writer

Influenza vaccination shots will be administered at FSC's Health Services office in the Anthony building for faculty and students who wish to avoid the flu this year.

The flu shot costs \$5.00 and appointments can be made at Health Services until the shots are gone. It is advised that those wishing to receive the shot sign up early because the supply is limited to only 190.

Students can make appointments for Thursday, October 26, from 4:00 to 8:00, Tuesday, October 31, from 12:00 to 2:00, and Thursday, November 2, from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Jacqueline Redlin, director of Health Services, prefers not to have students and faculty come during walk-in hours, but make ap-

pointments for the scheduled times. However, if scheduling is a problem, they will accommodate to provide a suitable time for those with conflicting schedules.

Most of the college community are not at risk for complications from the flu virus. Usually those who do suffer get well without any problems, but sometimes flu leads to pneumonia or other complications.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, immunizations are important for anyone 65 years or older, people with chronic problems such as asthma, heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes, lung disease, or anemia, and those with weakened immune systems.

People who live with someone at risk should get the vaccine so they don't spread the flu.

Redlin suggests that students with asthma should consider getting a shot.

There are possible side effects from receiving this shot. Typically, it may result in a mild feeling of the flu for a day or two due to the body's reaction to the vaccine.

Last year there was a low turnout, with about 165 flu shots administered. One reason for giving the shots is to decrease absent days due to sickness. Last year more faculty than students got the shot. If you don't receive a shot from Health Services, they have a list of other places that will also give the flu shot for a fee.

Anmari Kicza is a Junior, Elementary Educational and English Professional Writing major.

Video conference on students with disabilities

FSC Press Release

On October 18th, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. an Interactive Videoconference on Students with disabilities will be held in the Ellis White Lecture Hall.

If you are a student with a disability, know a student with a disability, or have an interest in the rights and services available to students with disabilities, attend this free, interactive videoconference, produced by Mississippi State University and sponsored at FSC by Project Enable and Disability Services. The videoconference will address the role of support services, legal aspects of accommodations, housing, and other needs of students with disabilities on a college campus.

Questions and comments can be forwarded directly to speakers via fax and phone. Come to all or part of the conference. Contact Project Enable at X3064 if you plan to attend or have questions.

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CORRECTION:

In Issue #3 the article on Dr. Colbert was not written by Gabriele Baty, but was written by Tricia Thering.

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Two faces join FSC's business staff

by Kimberly Lajoie
Staff writer

It's pretty unusual for any department at Fitchburg State college to hire four new faculty members at the start of a new school year. But that's just what the Business Department at FSC has done.

In August of 1995, Timothy Shea was hired as one of these new faculty members. After graduation from Boston University with a Doctorate Degree in Management Information Systems last year, he decided to put his expertise to work at FSC.

Shea, 40, has bounced back and forth between industry and academia since he began his college education in the 1970s. "Particularly in an area as applied as Management Information Systems," he said, "it works best for me to have jobs to back up my teaching."

While not working, Shea earned his undergraduate in Business from Boston College in 1976, his MBA from Indiana University in 1983, and his Doctorate from Boston University in 1994.

When Shea began the job search, he had wanted to find a small school with big opportunities. "One of the reasons I like teaching at Fitchburg," he said, "is because I have the chance to teach both Business Information and Computer Science."

Shea is also happy to see that the Business Department at Fitchburg State is getting ready

for accreditation. "I like what the Business Department is doing here," he said "I see myself as part of this overall push toward accreditation."

Unmarried, Timothy Shea recently moved to Fitchburg. He is excited to see what this small city has to offer. One of his goals is to finish the requirements he needs to earn his pilot's license. He came close to earning his license before, but he moved out of the Midwest just before completing the requirements.

Shea also calls himself a "softball fanatic." He managed a women's team in Newton for many years. He is proud to say that his team made it to the finals for 2 years. He gave up managing last summer though, so that he could play on his own. He then joined the Boston University men's summer softball league known as "The Porcupines."

Along with his interests in becoming a pilot and playing softball, Shea is pleased to become a part of the FSC Business Department. He looks forward to working with the other new Business faculty members, including Lawrence Peter Shao and Janette Marie Purcell.

I don't know how many college students think of Fitchburg as being beautiful, but it is nice to hear that new faculty member, Lawrence Peter Shao, feels that the college is surrounded by a beautiful country area.

Shao, 37, came to FSC in September to be a new profes-

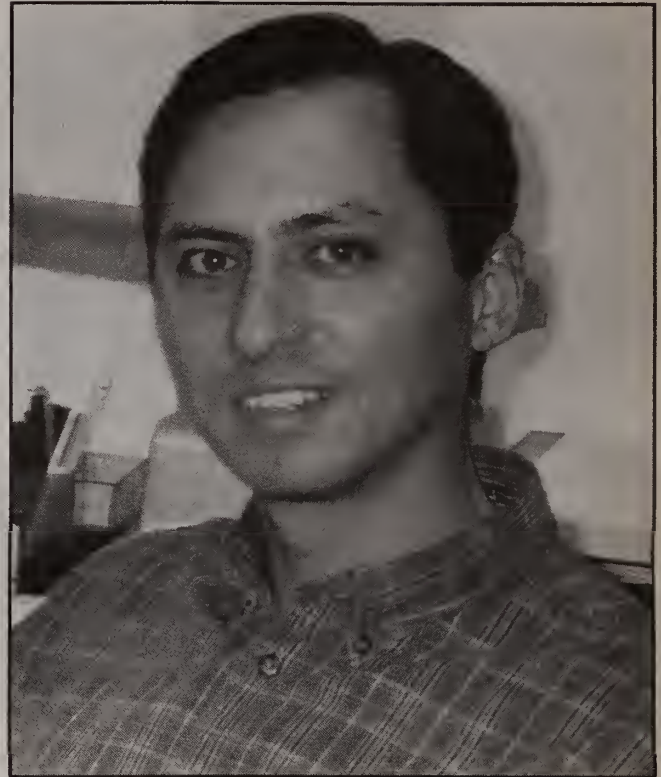
sor of International business. A former assistant professor at Fordham University in New York City, he was excited to hear of an opportunity at Fitchburg. "It's a really beautiful part of the country," he says, "and being in the city for so long, it was a refreshing change."

Originally from the South, Shao graduated from Old Dominion University in Virginia, where he earned his bachelor's and MBA degrees. Afterwards, he went on to earn his Ph.D. in finance from the University of Tennessee, where he graduated from in 1989.

Lawrence Shao states that he always tries to bring excitement into the classroom. "I tend to be more of an applications professor," he says. Teaching Basic Finance and Investment Analysis at FSC, he likes "to see things we are teaching in books, how they actually are applied." This semester, Shao is helping to create the Finance curriculum at FSC. The goal is "to possibly build an undergraduate major in finance."

"I come from a family of college professors," Shao says. His father retired two years ago from Old Dominion University as a professor of Management Information Systems (MIS). Also, each of his three brothers have careers in business-related fields.

Shao made his move from New York City to Leominster in September. Unmarried, he enjoys fishing, hiking, and biking.



Lawrence Shao

photo by Kim Lajoie

"I'm a very outdoors type of person," he says. Shao is also an avid runner. He ran in eight marathons, including the New York marathon which he entered five times.

Shao is focusing on three specific goals while at FSC. First, he wants to "continue to teach and bring excitement to the classroom." Secondly, he plans to continue working on his research. Lastly, he wants to get involved in some service-related activities for the college commu-

nity.

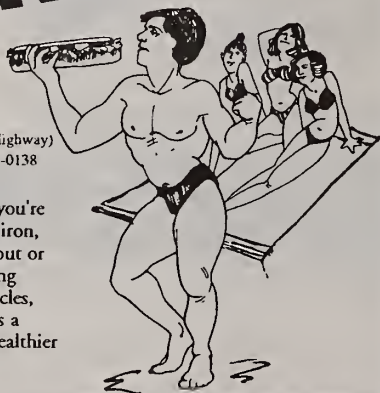
Besides teaching at the college, Shao is a member of several professional organizations, including the Financial Management Association, the Academy of International Business (AIB), and the Association for Global Business.

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Man of many talents

by Paul Stewart
Staff writer

The Alumni Office has a new director and his name is Tim Liptrap. Formerly a Counselor for the Admissions Office, this eclectic, 25-year-old can only be described as "driven." From the Fitchburg State College (FSC) Rescue Squad Advisor and Gardner Firefighter, to Councilor-at-Large Candidate, Liptrap has distinguished himself as Fitchburg State representative extraordinaire.

A native of Gardner, Liptrap has always been a born leader. After completing two terms as Gardner H.S. Class of '88 President, this FSC Class of '92 economics major quickly became a mover-and-shaker at Fitchburg State. "I wanted to be a big fish in a small pond," Liptrap says in response to why he chose the college. A big fish indeed. As Orientation Leader for 4 years, Student Government Leader for three years, Resident Assistant as a senior, and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to finance his education, Liptrap was a top student leader.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was founding the FSC Rescue Squad. "My best day was when I saved a young girl from drowning in a pond," Liptrap says. "This was a turning point in my life that compelled me to

initiate the Rescue Squad." Awarded "1991 Student of the Year" for his efforts, Liptrap continues to serve as advisor for this, now invaluable, Fitchburg State club.

Not satisfied with a secondary role in assisting others, he keeps his hands full with the Gardner Fire Department as well. As a part-time, on-call firefighter, Liptrap enjoys the stimulation of his job. "What a rush," he responds, to the feeling of entering burning buildings. A rush and lungs full of smoke is exactly what Liptrap got last weekend after doing the same. "I didn't have time to put on my protective mask," he says.

It's hard to believe that someone who's plate is so full, can also work 40 hours a week as FSC Alumni Office head. After three years of logging over 100,000 miles in New England as Admissions Counselor/Recruiter, Liptrap now keeps track of over 22,000 alumni across the country. "I was looking for a different challenge for personal and professional growth," he states. Liptrap coordinates trips and organizes educational programming for 10 chapters in Florida, California, Atlanta, and Massachusetts. Broadening alumni chapter bases throughout the New England area is his primary goal.

Always seeking new oppor-



tunities to expand his horizons, Liptrap now sets his sights on more high-flying adventures. After 25 hours in the air, Liptrap is well on his way to receiving a pilot's license. "I needed a change of pace," he says. Coupled with a bid for Gardner Councilor-at-Large, surely he will get it. Add if elected to this legislative body, Liptrap will further prove that limitations only apply to the limited.

People like Tim Liptrap seem to leave most of us wondering, "how does he do it?" Believing that "good time-management skills and a lot of support from family and friends" are key, according to Liptrap. When asked what drives him, "the need to have variety and never needing

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Police log

Police log for October 1 - 7, 1995

Sunday October 1, 1995

LARCENY - Of personal property at Russell Towers.
NOISE COMPLAINT - Alarm of some type sounding at New Halls. Officer responded and found it to be an alarm clock.

ASSIST OTHER POLICE - Assisting Lunenburg Police Department in the use of our Breathalyzer machine.

FIRE ALARM - Steam from a shower at the Town Houses set off alarm.

Monday October 2, 1995

DISPERSAL - McKay students yelling through the windows of Conlon Fine Arts disturbing classes.

VANDALISM - To a window in the Hammond Building.

REQUEST FOR AN AMBULANCE - Soccer player injured at Elliot Field. Patriot Ambulance responded and transported victim to Burbank Hospital.

VANDALISM - To a window at McKay. Possible Attempted B&E under investigation.

Tuesday October 3, 1995

NOISE COMPLAINT - Yelling from inside Aubuchon Hall reported. Spoke with parties involved.

J-BOARD - Paperwork submitted for Fitchburg Police Department.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT - Reported in the Resident Life parking area. Minor damage, papers exchanged.

Wednesday October 4, 1995

DISPERSAL - Large group singing by New Halls dispersed.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON - walking through Upper Weston checking out the cars. Left the area as officers approached.

MEDICAL/RESCUE CALL - Student with a possible fractured ankle transported to Burbank Hospital via ambulance.

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Group behind Russell Towers throwing objects at windows. Gone upon our arrival.

LARCENY - Of FSC property from McKay School.

Thursday October 5, 1995

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Several males yelling outside the front doors of Russell Towers dispersed.

FIRE ALARM - Sounding at the New Halls. Cooking smoke activated detector.

FIRE PREVENTION - Monthly inspections of FSC building conducted.

Friday October 6, 1995

VANDALISM - To a window at the Conlon IA Building.

LARCENY - Of FSC property from the Hammond Building.

Saturday October 7, 1995

MOTOR VEHICLE STOP - One-way violation on Highland Ave.

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Problems with a pizza delivery person reported at Russell Towers.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON - Trying to gain access to construction equipment. Person works for contractors.

FIRE ALARM - Steam from a shower activated the alarm in the Town Houses.

MOTOR VEHICLE TOWED - From Ross St. Lot for having expired license plates.

FIRE ALARM - Smoke detector activated at the Town Houses due to a baseball cap that had caught fire. Fire was extinguished by residents.

"Man of many talents," continued

to talk about the same thing twice," are his replies. Liptrap's tenacity and work ethic have made him an indispensable asset to the college, while an infectious personality has endeared him to the student

body. Maybe we'll keep him around for a while longer.

Paul Stewart is a Senior Communications Interactive Multimedia major.

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Announcements should be short, including dates, places, times and a contact person.

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Education is taught not bought

by Ron Taupier
Opinion Editor

"O Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo? Deny thy father, and refuse thy name", so says the infamous quote from William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. At Fitchburg State it goes something like this: "Romeo, hey Romeo where the hell are you? I don't want to be a Capulet any longer." If you are naive enough to believe this then you have deep rooted problems.

Romeo and Juliet is the same whether it is studied at Fitchburg State or at Harvard. The formula for calculating the area of a triangle is the same at Yale and Notre Dame isn't it? Are you getting my point? Why is there such a debate over the quality of education at the community, state, public, and private levels when the actual topics studied have remained constant for years? I don't understand, is the motive behind the Civil War different if I pay \$23,000 a year versus the tuition I am currently paying. Does the South win if I am a student of some community college?

The premise for my argument is debatable. One could easily conclude that the more prestigious institutions have

more educated and thought provoking professors; but it still boils down to personal motivation and satisfaction. What is left are the pure facts, and the desire to learn. After all, one of the many parks located on campus is dedicated to those "whose legacy is learning" (does anyone know which one?).

Then there is the argument of what the facilities on your "cost efficient" campus have to offer. Okay, in those regards you get what you pay for, but just because we don't have a state of the art library, with all the fixtures and tools of an "ivy" league institution, we still have the capacity to learn the fundamentals of literature, language and the arts.

Education and higher learning is what you make of it. If you wish to waste away your parents money, or your own hard-earned "cake" then so be it. Most of us here are in search of self-fulfillment, pursuing greater knowledge in areas that interest us. Our books may not be bounded in gold, but they certainly contain the same vital information that has been handed down from generation to generation in the search of wisdom.

I have yet to realize the true benefits of any education, but

will attest to the old adage that "hard work pays off", and for those of us at this establishment, who work endless hours to meet tight budgets, this hard work equals or exceeds the commitment given by those feeding off their parents wallets only to hide behind their "hard earned degrees."

I realize that I am making a blatant blanket statement, but I will stand behind my philosophy: education is created, not taught by others. It is a combination of desire, motivation, self-satisfaction, and self-confidence that builds the foundation of a pure student. These elements, coupled with educators and administrators to point us in the right direction, create a well-rounded, educated individual.

Just keep in mind fellow students, although the cost of education can vary extensively, the cost of true self-fulfillment remains inexpensive. In honest certitude, I feel that if you believe in your abilities, and do not allow anything to come between you and your dreams you can make any degree look wonderful.

Ron Taupier is a Senior, Business Management major

Academic institution or amusement park?

Letter to the editor:

This is a letter to the editor about the recent article that appeared in *The Strobe* (issue #3) about the idea to repaint the blue tower with FSC school colors.

This is not acceptable. We were under the impression that this was the year of the student, not the year of school spirit! We are students who have to work full time jobs while at school and we have to take out personal loans just to come here. Our point is that we would be spending money that could be used to help further student's education or upgrade the college.

We are deeply disappointed that the president and members of SGA think spending \$24,000 to paint the big blue tower is a good way to promote school spirit. We are also upset that

SGA wouldn't think about the students first or ask the students what their opinions are.

We hope that there are more students on this campus who agree that the big blue tower should not be painted using so much of our money! Year of the Student? President Riccards, please explain how a "green" tower will be more conducive to academics. This is supposed to be an intellectual environment, not an amusement park. If you wish to have the tower repainted, please dig into your "deep pockets" to fund this investment in school spirit. We personally like the tower the way it is and can offer many alternative suggestions on how to allocate \$24,000.

Sincerely,
Cathleen Feeney
Jennifer Morganti
Ron Taupier

Rte 9: The madhouse

by Delilah Larimore
Associate editor

Have you ever driven anywhere near eastern Massachusetts? If so, then you know how terrible the drivers are. Over the years I have moved closer and closer to Boston. I have reached an educated conclusion: the closer to the hub you are, the worse you drive. New York is an exception. I just can't stand it anymore! I travel to Fitchburg via route 9 every day. I have to say that route 9 in Framingham is worse than any road that I have ever driven on. There is an accident there about as frequently as a fight at Majors, which is pathetic.

From what I have seen through all my hours of driving, the majority of drivers got their licenses from the blue light special at Kmart. There is only one thing that I have to say to them: Learn to drive! What is wrong with you people? Driving is not that difficult if you obey the lights and signs and learn to figure out where the brake is, opposite the gas, to all the brain surgeons reading. I know that those few of you who are decent drivers will sympathize with me on this. Some people just need to stay off the highways of America. Where do these drivers come from anyway, Mars?

This is absolutely nuts. Is driving 75 m.p.h. really necessary? What is so important that you need to travel this hastily? Is it worth risking the lives of your loved ones and those around you?

Here are some helpful hints to all of those who skipped one too many driving school lessons: When you are coming off a ramp and onto a main road you must slow down and let the cars on the main road go before you are allowed to enter onto the main road. Do you understand? Red means stop. Yellow means slow down, the light is about to turn red. Green signifies a safe passage through the intersection. The brake peddle is on the left and the gas (that excellerates the automobile) is on the right.

Well, I hope that this article has enlightened some of you on how bad Massachusetts drivers are. As for those of you who realized I am addressing you: STAY OFF THE ROADS. If you want to live dangerously, spend a night at Majors with the hockey team. You will be certain to come out with a few bumps and bruises and the state would me a much safer place to drive without you on the road.

Delilah Larimore is a Senior, Communications major.

Announcement

Attention seniors. Its senior picture time!!! November 14, 15, & 16th. Look for assigned times in your campus mail box. \$4 sitting fee. If you have any questions, please contact the year book office at 665-3646 or Laura Bullen at 665-3164.

Black Student Union Week

Wed. Lip Sync 7-9 pm at Percival Auditorium. \$2

Thurs. Jazz House 7-9 pm in the pub. \$2

Fri. Pajama jam in the pub at 9 pm. \$1 with jamies. \$2 without

Allow me to explain

by Keith Fredericks
Staff writer

I give up. I surrender? Most likely you've probably read my article. "The Truth About the Opposite Sex" was written a year ago in an attempt to exaggerate some commonly held pet peeves pertaining to female behavior. Exaggerations, generalizations, stereotypes, and cliches are four really important elements in what communication majors like to call "entertainment." Is anyone getting this? Entertainment! I am reluctant to elaborate much further on this subject because if certain individuals don't see the intent of the article yet, they never will. One more time-ENTERTAINMENT.

However, for the sake of some individuals I will elaborate further. The purpose of the article was to make some people chuckle, with the understanding that quite a few may not. The secondary function of the article

was to instigate controversy. Controversy brings attention to myself, The Strobe, and to the whole campus. I do not see this as a bad thing. But, many people who do not know me may very well think that I am a male chauvinist pig. I will not defend myself to a bunch of judgmental strangers. If you know me, then make your own judgment to how gender biased I really am.

For those interested, I haven't had any regretful, destructive relationships with women in the past, and for those who think otherwise, my girlfriend's personality contradicts anything that was stated in the article. I would like to thank the Strobe staff for printing the controversial article. All spitefulness and smart remarks aside, I sincerely apologize to any individual who I seriously offended or hurt with the editorial. Thank you.

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Help outside the Courtroom? OJ Withdrawal Syndrome

by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

There are about 3 1/2 million people suffering from a new condition. It is called O.J. Simpson Withdrawal Syndrome (OSWS). The symptoms are not easy to spot, unless the symptoms are known. According to noted psychiatrist Martin Blausbaum, the easiest symptom to spot is name slipping. "When a man or a woman is speaking to their significant other, and instead of using their name, they use the name of a particular character in the trial", says Blausbaum. "I discovered OSWS when my wife, Carol, started calling me Kato. After that I started discovering other symptoms."

Those symptoms include dressing like the participants of the trial, talking about them in your sleep, and other symptoms. The O.J. trial has spawned a multimillion dollar business: the sale of trial videos is a dynamic industry for example. Terry Davis, a major distributor of these videos said that in the past week alone she has grossed nearly two million dollars.

"The two top selling videos are the ones when O.J. is trying on the gloves, and the one when Kato Kaelin states, "I don't think we were going out for the same parts," explains Davis. "For those videos I get about \$100. The rarest video is the one when the camera men accidentally shot two jurors upper bodies, very rare footage selling for about \$500.

Support groups have been created to help people combat OSWS. These groups are called O.J. Addicts Anonymous (OAA), which now has members in excess of 700,000 nationwide. At meetings, members are asked to stand (not take the stand), state their name, and publicly admit that they are addicted to O.J.. Something like "I could not, would not, and did not stop watching the trial" is always appropriate.

OSWS is a real problem that affects real people. If you suspect that either you, or a loved one is suffering from this disastrous condition, contact OAA's corporate headquarters at Brentwood to locate the help facility nearest you. End your nightmares of DNA samples and Lance Ito's "admonitions".

Letters to the Editor

Health Services:

An apology is rendered to any individual who was not satisfied with their visit at Student Health Services. It is our goal to provide quality health care and education to our students at FSC. With respect, the nature and content of all our student visits to Student Health Services are confidential. We are otherwise unable to respond to individual statements for this reason.

Jacky Redlin, Director of Student Health Services

Keith Frederick

I read your recent article in The Strobe and I must admit that I am having trouble seeing what everyone is so upset about. I think this should be put in bold so everyone can read it. IT WAS A JOKE. Some may consider this joke to be in poor taste but it stops there. People do not send hate mail to a comedian because they don't think he is funny. They simply do not listen to that person. That, ladies and gentlemen, is called the freedom of choice, it's right up there with freedom of speech. Everyone has the right to have their opinion heard and they should have aimed their complaints to the paper. Have we become so politically correct that we are now incapable of seeing humor in even it's most sarcastic form? Perhaps some people should spend their time crusading against a more appropriate cause.

Adam Wheeler, student

In response to Keith Frederick's article "The truth about the opposite sex," I would like to share with you one of my favorite cartoons:

"God, in the elderly male form, is standing over a reaction dish in his laboratory. In the dish is the earth and around him on the counter are bottles labeled: dark skinned, high IQ, tall, short, light skinned, etc. He picks up the one labeled "JERKS" and sprinkles liberally over Mother Earth. The caption reads, "Just to make things interesting..."

Mr. Fredericks, thank you for making the world an interesting place to live.
Stephanie Page, student

I am glad that The Strobe printed Keith's article about women. I may or may not agree with your opinion, but I will fight for your right to say it. I am disgusted at how many people I heard commenting that, "That sort of stuff shouldn't be printed."

Aaron Banyai, student

When first reading this article, I was infuriated by the writer's ignorance about women. However, after giving the article some thought, my impression changed and I felt sorry for Keith. This article was obviously written by someone in deep emotional pain. He is obviously lashing out against women...I would like to challenge Keith to participate in a women's studies class and educate himself towards women's issues.

Shelly K. Kennedy, student

In response to Keith Frederick's editorial last week, I think you should stop making excuses for yourself and your gender. Shall I contribute an article? No, I think not. I can't afford a bodyguard. Not everyone is a PMSing, money-sucking, science-fiction ignorant, lying, slam-pig out there. Some of us are actually nice people—men too!

Shannon Sontag, student

CLEVELAND VERSUS BRAVES, CLEVELAND IN SEVEN (Who is this Keith guy?)
Ron Taupier, Opinion Editor

Beware Strobe! You are setting a dangerous precedent. Did the staff feel no moral or ethical responsibility to screen out such vociferous statements? Are they now bound by the principles of fair and equitable inclusion to print articles by any and all groups who choose our school newspaper as a forum to perpetuate bigotry and hatred? Is the sentiment of the staff that this was tolerable because it was directed at women? It's a fine line between freedom of speech and the rights of citizen's not to be exposed to such repugnant and discriminatory opinions.

Teri Bettencourt, student

Many people (mostly women) wonder how the staff could print such an article. You should keep in mind that the Strobe is the college's newspaper and the staff is supposed to print the voice of the students, even if that voice might be immature and terribly unintelligent. I am thankful that FSC has a student newspaper that is not afraid of controversy.

Sonja Randall, Copy Editor

BLUE SMOKESTACK

When it comes down to school spirit, the blue pole being painted green and gold will not raise my spirits at all. With all the more pressing educational and economical concerns, it makes me feel worse about where my money is going.

Christy O'Callaghan, student

"Dead Presidents" 1st degree entertainment



When the well-planned heist of an armored car goes awry, Jose (Freddie Rodriguez) makes a run for it, as a police squad car bears down on him, in Hollywood pictures compelling drama, "Dead Presidents."

By Austin Azonabor
Contributing writer

"Dead Presidents"

I got to the theater and sat minus all the trimmings, no popcorn, no drink, no nothing! Before it started I turned to my Dad and said, "If this is as good as the last Hughes Brothers film (Menace II Society) we're in for a good show."

"Dead Presidents" is about a group of friends (Larenz Tate, Keith David, Chris Tucker, and Freddie Rodriguez) in the Bronx, New York. These characters really have no idea what to do with their lives. The movie takes you step by step through the decisions they make living their lives, from childhood to manhood.

The film was slow out of the blocks, but, like any good race-

horse, gained ground quickly and silenced any whispers in the audience.

Larenz Tate plays Anthony Curtis a bright young black man who comes back from Vietnam only to find his world has changed. Threatened by poverty, he enlists into a life of crime and disguises himself like the Crow (Brandon Lee's last movie).

A well put together movie that doesn't leave you asking "where the hell did that come from?" Like so many movies of this genre. I found the entertainment and mental value to be extremely high.

The Hughes boys have done it again and "green" is the color they'll be seeing a lot of. After some serious thought, my final verdict is: Guilty... of 1st Degree Entertainment. For those of you who aren't familiar with my grading system, I gave "Batman Forever" the chair!

TRICK OR TREAT... Michael's back

by Delilah Larimore
Associate Editor

Halloween VI: The Curse of Michael Myers

It starts. The darkness is all around when the music begins. He's getting closer. Then there's the breathing. It's that time of year again. It's Michael Myers. That's right, he's back again in "Halloween VI: The Curse of Michael Myers."

This sixth installment brings six times the terror and horror as Michael Myers makes his way back to Haddonfield, Ill., tearing apart some unlucky residents along the way.

The movie begins as Jamie Lloyd, (played by J.C. Brandy,) is giving birth to a son in the depths of hell. Amazingly, she escapes with her son and her life,

which is more than I can say for the nurse who helped her.

After taking care of that situation Michael heads back to his house in pursuit of Jamie's son. Back in Haddonfield the Strode family has moved to the Myers' old house. Stupid move.

They don't last long. Remember Dr. Loomis played by Donald Pleasence? Well, he's back from retirement and also heads for Haddonfield to head off Michael.

As for Haddonfield, Halloween was banned six years ago, for obvious reasons. However, the local youths decide they are tired of such boring rules so they resurrect Halloween. Not to be redundant, but, stupid move.

This suspenseful movie is sure to make you jump as well as gross you out (Be sure to

"Seven" horrifies as it entertains

by Rick Rodricks
Staff writer

"Seven"
*** 1/2

Some movies are disturbing. They rattle us. Sometimes we watch a gruesome movie with disgust and wonder why anyone wasted the film to make it. Other times a movie is so dark, exciting, and perverse that we actually enjoy the twisted feeling of revulsion we get from watching it.

"Seven," the new film from New Line Cinema, is entertaining, mysterious and gruesome. This movie, about two New York cops and a serial killer, is comparable to the Academy Award winning "Silence of the Lambs."

Because "Seven" focuses more on the criminal and his crimes, it is darker and more horrifying. "Silence of the Lambs" set the standard for what we now can expect from a highly entertaining psycho-

thriller. "Seven" not only meets, but exceeds, those standards.

Accomplished actor Morgan Freeman and rising star Brad Pitt play two homicide cops in a gritty, present day New York City. Gweneth Paltrow plays Pitt's wife and John C. McGinley is the psychotic killer.

There is a heavy dreamlike, nightmarish quality which pervades every scene. It is always dismal and raining, and only these main characters seem real. Everyone else just passes though like an odd memory.

Action is not the mainstay of the film, so we are allowed the brilliant, horrifying story without the tedium of a single car chase.

The plot is deeper than it appears. The premise of two cops chasing a serial killer seems redundant. The writer, Andrew Kevin Walker, manages to avoid the obvious and submerses us into the story by mingling the who-done-it premise with an ominous feeling of despair and hopelessness.

His protagonists are realistic in their concerns and emotions. His antagonist is a disturbing peon whose smugness makes everyone want to reach out and smack him.

The plot works because it relies on intelligent characters making logical decisions. Disastrous results come from the ingenuity of a bad guy who always stays one step ahead of the detectives.

The cleverness of the killer's schemes help put this film above all others of its kind. The gory scenes are a bit hard to handle. While the rest of us were left squirming in our seats, the squeamish were leaving the theater by the second scene.

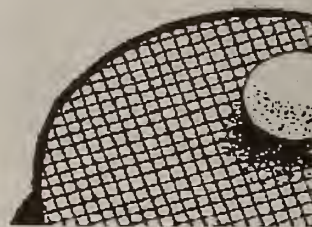
Do not go and see "Seven" if you are easily repulsed. But if you have a strong stomach and perhaps a taste for blood, you will remember this film for a long time to come.

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Fifteen years of "Shear Madness"



by Kevin Robertson
A&E Editor

Cal Ripken Jr. and "Shear Madness" share an impressive distinction: They're the two longest running players in their respective fields.

The difference is where they play. Ripken recently broke the record for most consecutive games played on a baseball diamond, while "Shear Madness" holds the record for longest running consecutive performances on the stage.

"Madness" has been running in Boston at the Charles Playhouse for 15 years and continues to wow audiences with its interactive humor.

The basic plot is this. Somebody murdered Isabelle Czerny, the famous concert pianist. The owners and cliental of the downstairs hair salon, appropriately named "Shear Madness", are likely suspects.

Tony Whitcomb, a wise-cracking, goulash-making, gay barber, owns the shop. While most of America considers Ms.Czerny's work a reason for artistic praise, he finds the constant practicing reason for justifiable homicide.

Barbara DeMarco, a hoodsie hair stylist, whose thick Boston accent puts any Kennedy to shame, is a hair stylist at Tony's shop. Her personal relationship to with Ms.Czerny compares only to Norman Bates and his mom.

Eddie Lawrence, a slimy yet satisfied business man, came for a business meeting with Ms. Czerny and perhaps a little black mail on the side. His relationship Ms.Czerny and Barbara could turn into a murderous menage a toi.

Finally, no one is quite sure what Bunny Shubert, one of Boston's upper-crust, is up to, especially her husband.

Detectives Mike Thomas and

Nick O'Brian are questioning the suspects... but so are the audience members. As the lights come up, the suspects are horrified to find at least 50 eye-witnesses. Detectives Mike and Nick direct the suspects to "re-construct" the crime, while the audience corrects any "mistakes" they make.

During a 10 minute break, Detective O'Brian goes into the audience to listen to theories and answer questions from the audience about the suspects and victim. Then the detectives interrogate the suspects themselves. After answering all of the audience's questions, the audience votes on who they think the murderer is.

That's were the play takes an interesting twist. For example, suppose the audience had voted for the murderer to be Whitcomb, than that is how the cast will perform the ending. Every night the play changes according to what the audience wants.

In the first part, the play delights in its up to date humor. O.J., Kennedy, Oklahoma and an assortment of other news worthy events are satirically lambasted.

In the second section, the cast revelled in its improvisational jokes and audience bashing. P.S. Don't mess up your facts or you'll get nailed.(I know, I did)

The actors prove their Shakespearean merit in the finale when they adopt a serious tone. The killer du jour cracks under the pressure and gives away his motive in true Perry Mason style.

With wonderful acting, a fantastic script, loveably real characters, and the masterful improvisational skills of the cast, it is no wonder this has play been around as long as it has. Look around, you might see Cal there.

Hidden treasures at FAM

by Kevin Robertson
A&E Editor

Take a right at the corner of Main and Elm Street, and a dull storefront becomes a safehouse for ancient worlds and modern sculpture.

Here, compressed in the heart of downtown Fitchburg, is hidden what may be the finest local attraction in these parts, the Fitchburg Art Museum (FAM).

Located on Elm Street next to the post office, the FAM, an almost unknown golden nugget in a culturally deprived city, looks like a lonely storefront.

But inside, one finds a very touching view of art itself. Drawn initially by an exhibit of Paul Matisse and Linda Hoffman's work, the findings stored within amaze.

On the first floor, an exhibition of ancient Egyptian works include a miniature of the mummification process, many pottery displays and painted reproductions of hieroglyphic walls from ancient burial tombs.

This may sound like a cop out, but considering it doesn't have the financial resources that the Smithsonian or the Museum of Fine Arts have, the FAM should be commended for its ingenuity in bringing a little culture and sophistication to Fitchburg.

The second floor, which features the Matisse/Hoffman exhibit, seems to be a modernist display. The majority of art in there looks to be 20th century.

The Matisse/Hoffman exhibit features the metal sculptures of Paul Matisse, the grandson of



abstractist Henri Matisse. One of his exhibitions is the "Kendall Band," the musical sculpture at the MBTA's Kendall Station red line stop in Cambridge.

Hoffman's showing is a "poetry on cloth" exhibit which takes words and emotions and places them on intricate cloth backgrounds.

Also on this floor, are E. Thor Carlson's drawings and sketches. Carlson drew and designed all the artwork for J.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" series. They hang beside many other pieces of his, including drawings, sculpture, and clothwork.

On the third floor a collec-

tion of ancient pottery displays an "Old World" timeline. There are also Roman and Grecian pottery and an extensive display of art from pre-Columbus Mexico.

The Ancient Mexican display includes an artist's rendition of a Mayan city, replicas of wall paintings, and tools from that era. This is an exhibition seemingly absent from other museums.

The Fitchburg Art Museum shines like a beautiful emerald hidden beneath the soil. This is a highly recommended adventure for those looking for culture in the seedy undergrowth of Fitchburg.

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bring a bag). Before heading out the door maybe a detour to Blockbuster would be a good plan to rent at least the last two "Halloween" movies or else this installment might be a little hard to follow.

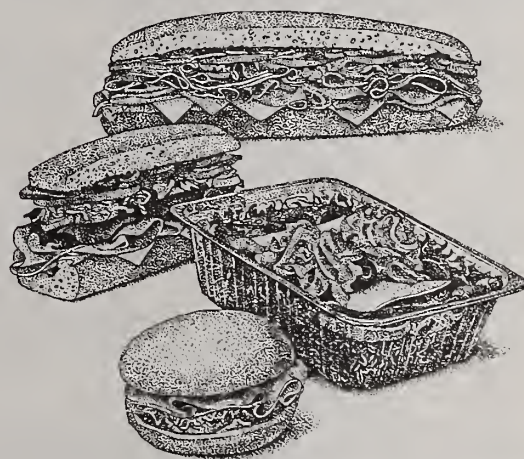
This version of the Carpenter original is exciting, but is a disappointment compared to the first "Halloween." The plot has plenty of potential and a good storyline, but don't get up to go to the bathroom or you will hardly make your way back.

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Football blasted by Mass Maritime 50-7

by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

When a football team allows over 200 yards rushing and 200 yards passing, while getting a combined total of less than 150 yards themselves, well, the team won't win.

The Fitchburg State football team gave up 255 yards rushing, and 206 yards passing, to Mass. Maritime Academy, while only amassing 139 total yards of offense, as they lost 50-7.

MMA didn't take much time to score, taking less than three minutes into the game, with Ryan Woodland running the ball in from nine yards out, giving them a 7-0 lead.

Mass. Maritime scored the game winning touchdown with 7:43 left in the first quarter when Deron Jozokas connected with Rich Creegan with a 28-yard pass, to give MMA the 14-0 lead.

But Mass. Maritime didn't end there, as they scored three touchdowns in the second quarter. Sean Doherty had a two-yard run for the first touchdown of the quarter. Jozokas then completed two touchdown

passes to Josh Mannke, giving Mass. Maritime the 34-0 half time lead.

There was no rest for the Falcons in the second half, as Mass. Maritime recorded a safety :52 into the half, making it 36-0.

It took MMA awhile to do it, but :19 later they extended their lead to 42-0. Woodland scored his second rushing touchdown of the game, a 27-yard run, but the kick failed.

The Falcons avoided the shut-out when back-up quarterback Steve Nelson hit Tom Reynolds with a 25-yard pass. Jack Naylor added the extra point, making it 42-7.

Mass. Maritime must have felt that Fitchburg State was on the comeback trail. Jason Gilbeault plunged in from one yard out, making it 48-7 with a little over a minute left. MMA wanted to make their score an even number, so they went for a two-point conversion, with Mike Kelly hitting Paul McCormak with a pass, making it 50-7.

The Falcons host UMass-Dartmouth this Saturday during homecoming, at a special Noon time Start.



Another week another loss.

photo by Heather Workman

Fitchburg figure skater places national

Press Release

Michelle Shramek, a junior nursing major at Fitchburg State College, finished fifth in the Junior Ladies figures competition at the 1995 National Collegiate Figure Skating Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo. Shramek, of Burlington, Mass., is a member of the Wallace Figure Skating Club in Fitchburg, Mass.

The National Collegiate Championships were held August 17-19, 1995. The 1995 competition marked the fifth time the event has been held in Colorado Springs. The first

Championships were held in August of 1985 in Lake Placid, N.Y. Since then the event has taken place in either Lake Placid or Colorado Springs.

Past National Collegiate competitors include Olympians Nancy Kerrigan, Calla Urbanski, and Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow.

Eligible competitors for the Championships are USFSA members who are full-time (single events) or half-time (pairs and dance) students in a college or university degree program, or are recent graduates of an accredited institution.

Women's cross-country outruns Westfield

by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

The Fitchburg State women's cross country team warmed up for the MASCAC Championships by beating the Westfield State Owls, 26-29, at Coggsall Park Saturday afternoon.

"It was a good race for the girls, even if they weren't happy with their times," said FSC coach Jim Jellison. "They won, and now they know what they can do against them in the Championships."

At the one and half mile mark, Westfield State's Michelle LaPlume was in the lead, with FSC runners Kim Walsh, Suzanne Whitnell, and Judy Kittler following.

That was how the race ended, with LaPlume finishing at 21:26 and Walsh a close second at 21:35. Whitnell and Kittler

finished third and fourth with times of 23:07 and 23:32, respectively.

"I think she (Walsh) has a good chance to win the MASCAC Championship this year, even though she finished six seconds behind this girl," said Jellison. "She ran two races this week, so originally we wanted to give her the weekend off, but she wanted to run."

"Suzanne and Judy ran very well," said Jellison. "They both have chances to be MASCAC all-stars, which is the top seven."

Other Falcon runners were Melissa Langfield, who finished seventh at 24:35. AnnMarie Campo finished ninth at 26:29, and Amy Paquette came in at tenth with a time of 27:50.

"In the MASCAC's, it will probably come down to us and Westfield," said Jellison. "If we're healthy, we'll do well."

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defense down field, beating goalie Laura Greenough for the goal.

Gagliani needed another three minutes to score her next goal to give Fitchburg State a 2-0 lead. Gagliani scored the unassisted goal off of a corner hit.

"She's incredible when she's on," said Valardi. "I think she's one of the best players in the league; her and Tina Leger. Not too many teams can play up to that."

That included the Bears, as Bridgewater couldn't do anything on offense. Leger and sweeper Mary Baker had strong games, defensively, holding BWS to only five shots in the half.

The Falcons started the second half putting a lot of pressure

on the Bears, while Bridgewater was forced to play defense.

Sophomore Tania Sloan scored her first goal of the season at the 20:00 mark, pushing the ball past Greenough, making it 3-0.

"That was nice," said Valardi. "We usually go with four forwards and two midfielders, but we went with three midfielders, and she scored from the midfield position."

For most of the rest of the game, neither team did much, until with less than three minutes left, the Bears Angela Wilber received a pass from Sheri Deotte to make it 3-1.

But that was all for BWS, as they couldn't get any mo-

mentum to score again, ending the game.

"We should have played better," said Bridgewater coach Sue Crosby. "We should have tied, if not won the game."

The Falcons traveled to Simmons College, and had another overtime game, and victory, winning 2-1.

Leger scored the first goal for the Falcons. But Simmons forced overtime.

In overtime, Aube scored her fourth game winning overtime goal of the season, giving FSC a record of 11-2-1, 2-0-0 in the MASCAC.

Fitchburg State hosts Worcester State in the last Sterling Cup game of the fall season tomorrow afternoon at 4:00 pm.

HOMEcoming SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF ATHLETIC EVENTS FOR HOMECOMING WEEKEND (OCT. 19-22)

THURSDAY OCT. 19

Field Hockey VS. Worcester State College, 4:00 PM

Women's Soccer VS. Simmons College, 4:00 PM

Men's Soccer VS. Wentworth Institute of Technology, 7:00 PM

Volleyball VS. Framingham State College, 7:00 PM

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Football VS. UMass-Dartmouth, NOON

Women's Soccer VS. Rhode Island College, 5:30 PM

Men's Soccer VS. Mass Maritime, 7:30 PM

OVERTIME AGAIN! Field Hockey wins three

by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

The Fitchburg State field hockey team must wish it could start their games in overtime, because if they did, they would be undefeated.

The Lady Falcons continued their overtime magic on Tuesday, as they battled through two overtimes to earn a 1-0 victory against the Westfield State Owls.

Prior to the game, the Falcons were informed sophomore Kristen Hogan, who has missed the last two weeks due to an injury, could be lost for the year with a stress fracture in her foot. Hogan was the MASCAC's second leading scorer at the time of her injury.

"That's our biggest hole we're trying to fill," said Fitchburg State coach Lisa Valardi.

Fitchburg State, (9-2-1 overall, 1-0-0 MASCAC), put constant pressure on Owl goalie Karen Pawlishen in the first half, taking twelve shots. But Westfield State, (6-3-1), countered with a solid defense, forcing the Falcons back to midfield often.

Fitchburg started the second half the same way, pressuring Pawlishen for the first part of the

half.

But the Owls came storming back. Goalie Dianne Marshall had a great game, coming up with several big saves. For the game, Marshall had ten saves. Marshall was named MASCAC player of the week last week for her 2-0-1 record, including 42 saves.

"She had another great game," said Valardi. "She's been real solid this year. She really controls the circle."

Fitchburg regained control later in the half, but couldn't put any of their nine second half shots in the net.

"We were in a scoring drought, but I think we dominated throughout the game," said Valardi.

When the game went to seven-on-seven in overtime, FSC continued their dominance, but Pawlishen, who was named to the MASCAC honor roll last week, wouldn't let anything by.

Near the end of the first overtime, Wendy Gagliani was driving down field when she was pushed in the back, giving her a dramatic penalty shot that could have ended the game. But her shot was knocked away, sending the game into double overtime.

"We practice it, we score in



Ashley Aube (foreground) and Wendy Gagliani (background) setting up defensively against Westfield.

photo by Norman Miller

practice a lot," said Valardi. "It's a tough situation."

Early into the second overtime, Gagliani took her eleventh shot of the game, and Pawlishen made the stop. However, Meredith Hertal stole the ball away from her and found the back of the net with her shot, ending the game two minutes into the period.

"Hopefully it's a good lead up to our game against

Bridgewater," said Valardi. "That's going to be our toughest game. We're looking forward to it."

Every year the Falcons have a tradition of breaking apart a pumpkin before a game against Bridgewater State.

This year Valardi wouldn't let them break apart the pumpkin unless they won. After the game the pumpkin was in a thousand pieces, after a 3-1 victory.

"It was the best game we played all year," said Valardi. "We beat them to the ball. We marked well. The whole team did everything we wanted to do."

Gagliani scored her tenth goal of the season at the 29:00 mark to give the Falcons the lead, 1-0. Gagliani received the ball at midfield, and out ran the

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Intramural Corner

by Norman Miller
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The intramural softball season is heating up, with only three teams remaining undefeated, and only two remaining winless.

High Times and Ball Bangers are tied with 2-0 records. These teams won't have a chance to meet until the playoffs, which begin on Oct. 26.

The other undefeated team is N.S.F., but they'll have trouble remaining that way, with games

against the Ball Bangers, and the 2-1 Burg Bombers. The game of the week should be the Ball Bangers against the Mad Dogs, who are also 2-1.

One of the two winless teams, the Juggernauts and Sig Tau are going to get a win this week, when they square off against each other on Oct. 17.

In street hockey, the championships are being held this afternoon at 4:30 pm at the basketball courts at Elliot Field.

Brian Bicknell is still accepting sign-ups for men's basketball and flag football in his office in the Anthony building, across from the treasurers office.

Women's soccer loses 4-0

by Brian Lamy
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The Fitchburg State women's soccer team, who had been on fire coming into this game against Westfield, seemed to fizzle in the rain that fell, losing 4-0.

The Falcons, (8-2-1), started off the game a little flat. The rain that started not long after the game didn't help get FSC going. Westfield State scored their first goal 15:32 into the first half when Sandy Pinto got one by Karen Irving, off of a pass from Bridget Wynn, making it 1-0.

The Owls next goal came at the 38:50 mark in the first half, when Kristen Gauthier took a shot from point blank range to score an unassisted goal. This goal put the Owls up 2-0.

WSC scored two more goals in the second half, the first of which was at the 6:24 mark when Pinto scored her second goal, off an assist from Andrea Figueras. The second goal of the half came at the 16:24 mark when Shawna Boudreau scored off the assist from Kristy Palm. These goals made it 4-0.

Heather Bailey went into goal for Irving with 17:00 remaining. The Falcons did show some signs of life at the end of the second half, keeping the ball in the offensive half of the field for a fair amount of time, and getting a few good opportunities.

"To many girls having a bad day all at once," said FSC coach Ed Dupuis.

The Falcons were also playing without team captain Ginger Boormeester, who received a red card against North Adams College, and had to sit out the game.

"By having her out of the middle, it does mean a lot to the team because she is such a control player," said Dupuis.

In that game against North Adams, the Falcons did escape with a 2-0 win.

North Adams took a 1-0 lead in the first period, when Jen Maloney scored a goal off an assist from Karrie Milen.

Julie Robinson tied it at 1-1 for FSC at the 35:00 mark of the first half, when she received the pass from Boormeester.

Maryann Barrett gave Fitchburg the win when Robinson set her up for the goal 5:00 into the second half.

The women's soccer team will play at home tomorrow afternoon against Simmons at 4:00 pm, and will take on Rhode Island College at home Saturday night at 5:00 pm.

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Men's soccer loses two

by Scott Froberg
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Last Tuesday, the men's soccer team lost a 3-2 overtime game to visiting Bridgewater State College.

Bridgewater dominated the first part of the first half, with Jason Cook scoring a goal, from a pass by Dan Riley 5:56 into the game, giving the bears a 1-0 lead.

Bridgewater scored another goal to give BWS a 2-0 lead. Riley received the pass from Adam Cupples at the 41:08 mark.

Fitchburg State captain Jason Richardson had a couple of rockets from the top of the goal box, but nothing went in. That was until Nathan Arnold scored a goal with less than four minutes remaining in the half, assisted by David Paez, making it 2-1.

Less than a minute later, at 42:22, Arnold feed one to Matt Santacon, who blasted the ball past the Bridgewater goalie, tying the game at 2-2.

In the second half, neither team could score. Fitchburg had a couple of major breaks, and Richardson played strong defense, but Bridgewater had strong control of midfield.

In the first overtime, Riley scored his second goal of the game, from Sam Araujo and Enrique Polletta, giving the Bears the 3-2 lead.

In the second overtime, Fitchburg had a couple of opportunities that were stopped by Bridgewater's strong defense, who contained FSC to fifteen shots.

BWS had a total of twenty shots, nineteen of which were on net. FSC goalie Aaron Hohos stopped sixteen of those nineteen shots in a stellar performance.

On Saturday, the Falcons traveled to Salem State, and lost a close 2-1 game.

Erwin Urizandi stole the ball, and chipped the ball over Peter Levasseur's hands for the goal, giving FSC the 1-0 lead.

But that was all the SSC defense would allow, as they scored the next to goals, giving Salem the 2-1 victory.

Fitchburg had fourteen shots, compared to only nine by Salem.

Fitchburg State hosts Wentworth Institute of Technology tomorrow night at 7:00 pm, and host Mass. Maritime Academy this Saturday at 7:30 pm.

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